

Delaware & Maryland **USDA**
RURAL DEVELOPMENT...
*Committed to the future
of rural communities.*

What is rural?

Our programs primarily serve populations of 10,000 people or less. The Community Facilities program can reach areas up to 20,000 and Business programs up to 50,000.

Fiscal Year 2005 Investments

Investments in Delaware

Shelter\$20,874,023
Infrastructure\$11,843,000
Business\$189,000
Community Facilities\$383,347
Agriculture\$150,000
Total\$33,439,370

Investments in Maryland

Shelter\$73,600,319
Infrastructure\$19,745,790
Business\$1,087,037
Community Facilities\$5,908,187
Agriculture\$195,852
Total\$100,537,185

Returning the people's money to rural Delaware & rural Maryland - *what the dollars stand for.....*

- 549** the number of families or individuals assisted to become homeowners.
- 140 +** the number of homes repaired to remove health and safety hazards and to make homes accessible for people with disabilities.
- 4** the number of projects funded directly related to agriculture.
- 1,082 +** the number of jobs created or saved.
- 9,874** the number of homes and businesses touched by improved central water and wastewater systems.
- 6** the number of projects funded that support first responders.
- 226** the number of Multi-Family Housing complexes that provide over 6,979 rental apartment units.
- 5,000 +** the number of homes that will benefit from broadband service.
- 62** the number of USDA Rural Development employees delivering services to rural Delaware and Maryland.



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"Federal service is a high calling and an expression of responsible citizenship. By working to improve lives, advance prosperity, and protect our homeland, you strengthen our country and help many realize the promise of America."

President George W. Bush



Thank you to the Delaware and Maryland employees
for the work that you do -
it's a true reflection of America's promise.

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Working Together • Strengthening Communities • Producing Results



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George W. Bush,
President of the United States

"In our economy, our most precious resource is the talent of the American worker – and there is no limit to what we can do when people have the freedom to make a better life for themselves and their family." Excerpt from the President's Economy and Tax Relief speech; December 5, 2005.



Mike Johanns,
Agriculture Secretary

"The future holds challenges, but it also holds great promise. As you plan for the future, USDA Rural Development is here to support you and your community."



Thomas Dorr,
Agriculture Under Secretary for USDA Rural Development

"The face of rural America continues to change, and USDA Rural Development is changing with it. Our goal is to build viable and sustainable rural communities."

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Think of us as the keeper of rural America. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development has been faithfully serving America's rural communities for seven decades. Keeping sight of our storied past — *We are committed to the future of rural communities.*

We are the only agency within USDA that can help with almost any rural need; from housing to agriculture, to health care and public safety, to water and wastewater systems, to education, broadband, distance learning and telemedicine, to helping start-up new businesses and reviving old ones – we can help with this and so much more.

Across Delaware and Maryland, the employees of USDA Rural Development are working to help rural communities and agriculture producers hold onto their values and embrace the future. We offer assistance to individuals and families, non-profit organizations, faith based groups and State and Local governments with over 40 programs that can help improve the quality of life and increase economic opportunity.

Over the years, some of which you will see highlighted in this year's report, you can travel the bi-state area and witness our work. From the northern reaches of Delaware City to Delmar, to all across rural Maryland — from the ocean to the mountains, communities and individuals have been touched by our programs. With the support of our Delaware and Maryland Congressional delegation and our many partners, we work diligently and prudently to bring back home the people's money for programs that support shelter, agriculture, businesses, community facilities and infrastructure.

At USDA Rural Development, we are here to serve the people that call rural America home. Let us know how we can help you.



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Shelter

- Working together to realize dreams...

Access to Rental Housing, Homeownership Loans and Home Repair Loans and Grants.



Seaford - New senior apartment complex



Prince Frederick - Homeowners build their own homes



Pocomoke - Angela and Kaitlin stand in front of their new home

Infrastructure

- People in small towns and rural places should enjoy the same benefits as the rest of the nation...

Broadband Access Loans, Community Connect Grants, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans and Grants.

Addressing environmental problems including safe, sanitary disposal of wastewater, solid waste removal, and access to clean, safe drinking water. Programs designed for municipal systems and individual household systems.



Chester - Congressman Wayne Gilchrest celebrates broadband access for the Eastern Shore

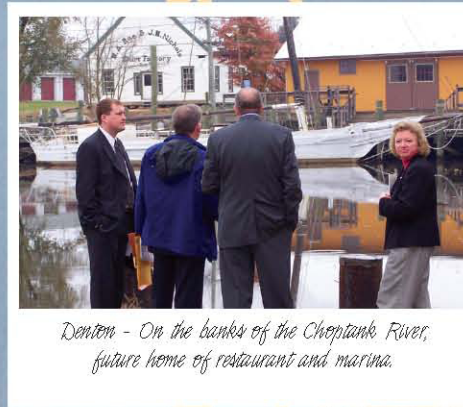


Frostburg - First new high school to be built in Allegany County in decades

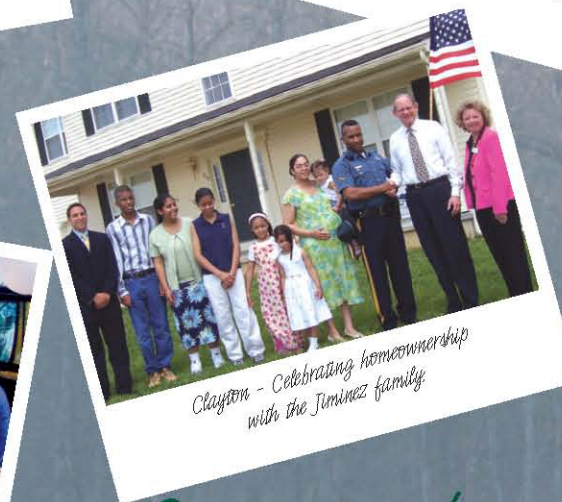
Business

- Providing rural America with the tools to create and retain jobs...

Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans and Rural Business Enterprise Grants



Dover - On the banks of the Choptank River, future home of restaurant and marina



Clayton - Celebrating homeownership with the Jimenez family

Community Facilities

- Any challenge can be overcome if we work together to solve it...

This can mean loans or grants for schools, libraries, health care facilities, equipment for fire departments, police stations and so much more.



Ocean View - Local Cub Scouts serve town water to Congressman Mike Castle

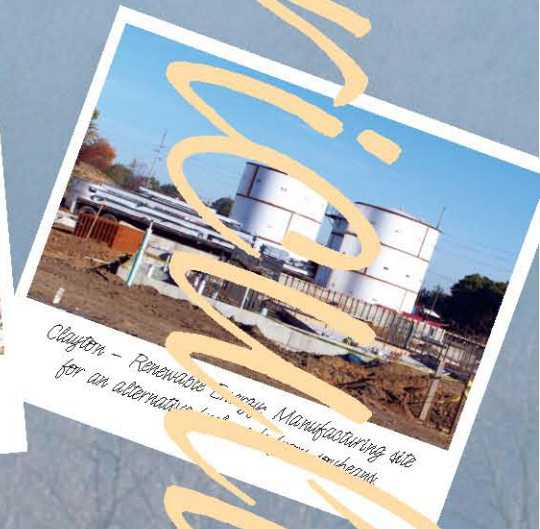


Reedville - Congressman Roscoe Bartlett announces funds for the town's water system

Agriculture

- Preserving rural America's heritage and feeding the world...

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Improvement Loans and Grants and Value-Added Agricultural Product Market Development Grants.



Clayton - Renovate Eastern Manufacturing site for an alternative fuel production facility



Dover - Senator Tom Carper helps tie the knot announcing the coming together of 3 USDA State Offices



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